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SUBJECT: DEATHCOF JAMES T. CROOKS

REF: LONDON 19289

1. CROOKS FORMER WIFE, MARGARET SOMMERVILLE, INFORMED DEPT THAT 1) TO HER KNOWLEDGE CROOKS DID NOT HAVE WILL PRIOR 1969 WHEN THEY SEPARATED, AND 2) SHE BELIEVES CROOKS HELD METROPOLITAN LIFE POLICY AS LATE AS 1974 AND WOULD APPRECIATE INFO FOUND AMONG EFFECTS RE ANY POLICY NUMBERS, RECEIPTS, NOTICES, ETC. MRS. SOMMERVILLE CONFIRMED FAMILY IN U.S. UNABLE PROVIDE FUNDS FOR LOCAL BURIAL.

2. AS CROOKS RESIDING IN UK AT TIME OF DEATH, CASE APPEARS FIT CRITERIA FOR HANDLING BY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR WITH RESPECT TO DISPOSITION OF AUTO AND PERSONAL EFFECTS IN U.K. DEPT SUGGESTS THEREFORE CONOFF NOT RPT NOT TAKE POSSESSION AUTO FOR PURPOSE SALE TO COVER BURIAL EXPENSES. DEPT ALSO INFORMED THAT UK COURT WILL MAKE DETERMINATION RE COMMON LAW MARITAL STATUS. CROOKS REGISTRATION OF CHILD SUPPORTS RELATIONSHIP.

3. IF MRS. BUTLER PAYS BURIAL EXPENSES, SHE CAN SUBMIT CLAIM THRU EMB FOR VA AND SSA BURIAL PAYMENTS AND MAKE CLAIM TO UNCLASSIFIED

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PUBLIC ADMIN. FOR DIFF BETWEEN ACTUAL COSTS AND FED.BEN.

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